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Spring fever hitting BGSU

New alternatives pop up

by Morrella Raleigh

Tired of large crowds and the hassles that go along with them, many students are forgetting about Florida and retreating to more non-traditional travel spots for spring break.

"We're finding a lot of students who want to go someplace to get away. They want to make it a real vacation," said Martha Wheel- den, public affairs manager of the Toledo Auto Club.

Robin Bechstein, owner of Travel Unlimited Inc., said students are still heading south even if it is not to Florida.

"All college kids are looking for the same thing — beaches," she said.

Kris Peiffer, manager of First Class Travel Design Inc., said many students are going to the Bahamas and Jamaica.

"The Caribbean is a totally different atmosphere," she said. "The water is different, the beaches are nicer and there's not usually as many people."

Bechstein said many students are going to South Padre Island in Texas.

"It has the good weather and beaches that they're [students]

looking for," she said.

Some students choose to go skiing for spring break instead of going to the beach, she said. Northern Michigan and Colorado are the most popular places for the colder alternative trips.

Other spring break travel plans for students include hosteling (staying at various lodging places across the country) and camping.

Hostels offer students an inexpensive way to travel, according to David Kalter of the American Youth Hostels programs and education department.

"They're much less expensive with prices ranging from \$3 to \$20 a night," he said. "And it's an easy way to meet people."

There are more than 230 hostels across the country, Kalter said.

Chrissy Darling, a freshman social work major, plans to go camping in Myrtle Beach for spring break.

"It's cheaper and it's something different," she said. "It will be warm but it won't be as crowded as Florida."

One group of University students is spending Spring Break in Washington D.C. helping the poor and earning credit.

The course, titled, "Ethnic

Studies 300: Ethnic Communities and the Church," is centered around racism and poverty, said Rev. Bill Thompson, who teaches the course.

"The students [in this course] are concerned about what they can do with their lives to help others," Rev. Thompson said. "The purpose of this spring break trip is to enable [them] to find out how they can give of themselves and better humanity."

Tamara VanKoughnet, a freshman environmental science major, will be going on the Washington, D.C. trip.

"I think it's going to be one of those experiences that's going to change my whole perspective," she said.

She said the Florida spring break scene is not appealing to her.

"I feel a little more non-traditional, but I expect to have a good time too," she said.

"Basically, Florida is getting hard on the kids," Bechstein said. "You have to be 21 to get a room and there's more beach control. That's sending the kids to other places."

"It's the same old thing in Florida," Peiffer said. "[Students] want to do something different."

Common sense needed for trips

by Morrella Raleigh

Spring break travels can be fun and adventurous, but it is important to plan ahead and pack common sense along with the swim suit and suntan lotion.

"Plan for the unexpected," said Martha Wheel- den, Toledo Auto Club public affairs manager.

One important consideration is taking alternative sources of money such as credit cards, in case of emergency, Wheel- den said.

In order to save money and make the trip easier, Wheel- den offered these tips:

- If you drive, have your car tuned up before you leave.
- Pack light.
- If you eat out, make lunch the biggest meal of the day.

Robin Bechstein, owner of Travel Unlimited Inc. said planning spring break trips are essential.

"The best advice is to plan [the trip] so you can budget your money and if you plan early, you get a much better rate," she said.

Wheel- den said while on spring break, "common sense pre- vails."

This includes following hotel rules and being considerate of other guests, she said.

The travel guide, *Let's Go: The Budget Guide to USA* gives these other travel tips:

- Carry two forms of identification including one with a photo.
- Keep valuable items on your person.
- Take good footwear and raingear.

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UAO offering sun, fun for non-alcoholic trip

by Jennifer Today

Spring Break brings sun, fun and travel for many students, and University Activities Organization has offered an alternative to the "drinking" scene at Daytona Beach, Fla. with an escape package to Key West.

Amy Flur, UAO graduate advisor, said this year the organization searched for a place where students could still obtain a tan, but where UAO would not be promoting a drinking atmosphere.

"This is a student organization and we shouldn't be promoting this atmosphere," Flur said. "We were looking for a place that offered more — Key West."

This location offers many benefits, including a southern location, snorkeling, sailing, shopping and cruises, she said.

So far, Flur said the number of students signed up for the trip is not as high as previous trips, but she said there is still time to sign up.

The price is higher than in the past, but Key West is more of a resort compared to a hotel on a beach, she added.

"The students are paying for the quality," she said. "Plus they get everything else Florida offers."

Another difference from previous student trips

is the early deadline, which was established by the travel agent, she said.

"Key West is such a hot place for Spring Break and if the travel agent doesn't book all of the hotels than they will still have time to get reservations — and they will go like wildfire," Flur said.

Lonna Hodgson, senior marketing major, said she traveled with UAO to Daytona Beach two years ago.

A reason for going with the group was partly due to the great financial deal offered, she said.

"Even this year the price is reasonable," she said. "No one could fly and get a room any cheaper and I'd be surprised if someone could drive to Key West for the same price."

This year, Hodgson said she and her roommate considered traveling to Key West with UAO but her roommate decided to go to Mexico with her family instead.

Hodgson said the experience is fun because of all the people students can meet during the break from the University.

However, one aspect Hodgson did not completely enjoy was the bus ride.

Flur said students ride down to Florida on buses and there are student escorts who are responsible for the check on and off of the buses.

These escorts, who have gone through training for this event, also serve as a resource for emergency situations, she added.



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Travel alternatives available

Travel counselor Patty Williams rearranges the skiing brochures at Wood County Auto Club Monday afternoon. Williams said skiing is a popular Spring Break activity, although travel to Florida is fairly popular also.

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Auto tellers provide quick cash



by Julie Potter

Students going away for spring break no longer need to carry large amounts of cash with them if they have a Cirrus bank card.

Automatic teller machines, or ATM's, can be found in about 50,000 locations throughout the world, according to Kim Ross, a representative of Haddon, Lynch & Baughman, a public relations firm that represents the CIRRUS system.

"Mexico has had ATM's for the last two years and Canada has had them for four years," Ross said.

France, Great Britain, and Denmark are among the countries that have received ATM's in the last year, she said.

Automatic teller machines are concentrated heavily in popular spring break areas, such as Daytona Beach, which has about 12, and Fort Lauderdale, which has 30, Ross said.

"It's incredibly convenient because you don't have to carry a lot of cash around with you. You

can just get money as you need it," she said.

Another service that CIRRUS provides is a toll-free number that can be called to get the location of the two closest CIRRUS machines, Ross said. The number for this service is 1-800-4-CIRRUS.

The exchange rate is only affected in Canada by the ATM's, Ross said. "You get a higher rate of exchange in Canada which results in more Canadian money for your American dollars," she said.

The exchange rates for other countries, such as Mexico or Japan, remains the same as it would be at currency exchange centers, Ross said.

"This is a very convenient service because you can take the same ATM card you use at home and use it at all these other locations," she said.

The only difference between the regional ATM's that are used locally and national ATM's are that you can not make deposits at national ATM's because of the rules governing different banks, Ross said.

Students wait their turn at the Mid-Am automated teller machine in the Union. ATMs allow quicker and easier access to a person's money.

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Spring travel security tighter

by Lori Miller

Airports in the United States, including Toledo, have taken Saddam Hussein's hinting of domestic terrorism in the United States as more than just a simple threat — airport officials look at it as a possible reality.

All United States airports are taking security precautions, said Kevin Willis, deputy aviation director at Toledo airport.

Among the security advances taken at Toledo include the elimination of the some conveniences passengers once enjoyed.

During this time of heightened security, airline passengers should not think they can board the plane right after they arrive at the airport.

Thorough luggage checking and more enforced rules will probably force passengers to wait an additional hour to an hour and a half, Willis said.

One convenience which was eliminated was curbside checking.

Instead of leaving luggage outside of the airport, each passenger must bring their own luggage to the individual ticket carriers, he said.

Passengers are also strongly encouraged to carry their luggage with them wherever they go, Willis said.

Although this is an inconven-

ience, it would be an even bigger inconvenience if a passenger came back from the restroom and found his luggage was taken by airport security, he said.

Travellers should also be prepared to show some form of identification when they are boarding the plane at several airports, Willis said.

"[Airport officials] want to verify the name of the person on the ticket is the name of the person flying," he said.

Previously, anyone passing through the metal detectors could walk into the terminals but now only ticket holders are allowed to go any further than the security checkpoints, Willis said.

The airport which is in security level 4 — the highest alert level possible — is also requiring passengers to take out all batteries of battery operated appliances.

Batteries can not be taken on the plane, they must be put in the passenger's checked luggage, Willis said.

Each passenger's name and address should be visibly seen on all luggage.

If the name and address is not on the luggage, it slows down the whole boarding process, he said.

Although airport officials are taking special precautions, travelers seem to not be so worried.

There has not been any type of decrease in spring break sales, said Teri Jones, owner of First



BG News/Todd Swanson

A lone airline passenger waits at gate four for her flight to Cleveland at Toledo Express Airport. Security precautions keep all but ticketed passengers out of the waiting areas.

Class Travel Design, 102 N. Main St.

The office has been busy with speak break bookings, and most of reservations have been sold, Jones said.

Jim Gamble, owner of Holiday Travel Center, 140 N. Main St., said he has not noticed a change in spring break sales compared to last year.

However, there has been a

slight decrease in international sales, such as trips to Europe.

"People are waiting a little longer to book their reservations," Gamble said. "They want to see what happens."

Florida police prepare for Spring Break rush

by Greg Watson

As Spring Break approaches, thousands of students are making plans to "party on" at beach cities such as Fort Lauderdale, Daytona and Miami.

And with so many students going to so few recreational areas, one of the top priorities of those cities is crowd control.

Sgt. Boris Sellers-Sampson of the Fort Lauderdale police department said he expects only 100,000 students this spring break — compared to 250,000 in 1986 — but the city is prepared for a large amount of students.

During the six week period, extra officers will be working the area, horse mounted patrols will be on the beach and motorcycles will be on the streets, he said.

Also the Florida Highway Patrol will offer extra help and barriers will be put between the sidewalk and streets, he said.

Few of the people arrested during spring break are college students, Sellers-Sampson said, with 75 percent of the arrests being local.

"Few college kids get arrested during the college invasion,"

"If we have a future lawyer or doctor in jail for a felony, we advise them to get a different major, because they do have a record now. They have to use common sense."

—Sgt. Boris Sellers-Sampson, Ft. Lauderdale Police Department

Sampson said. "In the ten years I have worked here, I have met some of the nicest college kids."

Among the most common student arrests on spring break are drinking while walking on the sidewalks or beaches, walking dogs on the beach, underage drinking, sports on the beach, drinking and driving and urin-

ing in public, he said.

"We have a lot of officers on our force who are more mature, more low-profile and have a high tolerance for college antics, within reason," Sellers-Sampson said.

Special cases are made for non-residents, with the judges letting students out of jail after one night for minor charges, he said.

"If we have a future lawyer or doctor in jail for a felony, we advise them to get a different major, because they do have a record now," he said. "They have to use common sense."

Even though Fort Lauderdale has not had a serious riot problem during spring break in ten years, Sellers-Sampson said the police department is prepared for any serious problems.

"We are always prepared to use more officers, plus we have a [horse]mounted unit and motorcycles to get through traffic faster," he said.

The department also has a field force with riot gear, and other departments have agreed to send back-up forces to the beach control if needed, Sellers-Sampson said.

"We have five miles of bathing

□ See **Riot**, page 11.

Tour companies takes students on adventures

by Jacqueline M. Porter

Sun-starved students searching for surf, sand and suds have many options to make their week-long dreams come true. Michael Eisman, promoter and director of Intercampus Programs, is in charge of recruiting students to go to Panama City, Florida.

Eisman said there are many reasons to consider Panama City as a spring break option.

"It's a beautiful land and it's only 13 1/2 hours away, so you can take the bus or drive yourself," he said. "Last year it was 85 degrees and sunny every day and we all got really tan — it was an awesome time."

Panama City also has many other attractions to offer besides golden skin, he said.

"There are restaurants and bars everywhere and alcohol is allowed on the beaches

[because] they are privately owned," he said.

"It's the new up and coming party beach."

There is no limit to the amount of people the trip can accommodate, he said.

"We can take as many partying people that want to go," he said.

If Panama City is not what you are looking for in a vacation, students can also visit the traditional spring break spot of Daytona Beach or the Mexican beaches of Cancun.

Phil Ganz, representative of Student Travel Services said their trips have a little more to offer than the conventional spring break junket.

"Our prices are a little more — but we have all the extras our competitors don't have," he said.

Among the special features the packages offer are accommodations of a better quality, he said.

"We have the best hotels in both places [Daytona and

□ See **Companies**, page 11.



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Juniors Sheri Alleshouse (left) and Janet Uhrick wait for some rays of sunlight while demonstrating a less-than-comfortable method of suntanning. The place: the deck

behind the Student Recreation Center. The temperature: 26 degrees. Most students tend to try a slightly more "normal" method of getting a tan.

Tanning precaution needed

by Emily Vosburg

Stay out of the sun altogether if you really want to be safe, but if you can't stand the thought of looking lily-white all summer you will want to tan in the safest way possible.

Those inquiring will get conflicting advice on just how to tan safely. As with everything, moderation is the key. However, other precautions however.

Lisa Wincek, pharmacy extern student at the Student Health Center, said it is very important to use a sunscreen with a high sun protection factor (SPF).

"The sun protection factor indicates the increased protection against burning relative to exposure," she said.

"Use a higher SPF when you first go out in the sun and a lower SPF once you get a tan," Wincek said.

She also said melanin, a protective pigment in the skin, darkens to help protect against harmful rays.

Regardless of how tan you get, tanners should continue wearing sunscreen, Wincek said.

There are two kinds of sunscreens: chemical and physical. The chemical sunscreens often contain paba, which causes an allergic reaction in some people, she added.

Physical sunscreens offer the most protection. Zinc oxide and red petrolatum are the most common of this type, Wincek said.

People who tan are risking getting a sunburn, which is the least damaging of the results. Another damaging effect from tanning is the aging of one's skin. It takes time, but leaves sunbathers plenty of time to look old, as it causes premature wrinkling and a gives the skin a leathery look. And the risk of skin cancer is as great as ever.

"The fair-skinned people are the ones who have to worry the most about skin cancer because they don't have as much melanin in the skin," Wincek said.

Wincek said sun tanning beds and booths are as dangerous as the sun because people can still get seriously

burned. She also pointed out that it is extremely important to wear goggles because of the risk of cornea burns resulting from the higher concentration of ultraviolet rays.

Ruth Bordner, owner of Tone and Tan Boutique, 434 E. Wooster, said tanning beds are better than the sun if they are used in moderation.

"There is a limited amount of UVB (ultra-violet B-rays) in the bed, but in the sun you're getting the full exposure to all the sun's rays," Bordner said.

"The B-ray," she said, "is the direct sunlight that causes sunburn. That is why it is better to use the bed than lay in the sun."

Bordner also emphasized that two to three times a week for 30 minutes was sufficient to maintain a tan, but that you should start tanning very gradually and build up to the 60-90 minutes a week.

Another option which remains popular, more so during the summer and limited through other months of the year, is the natural suntanning way - real sunlight.

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Heat wave hits nation

by John Rogers
Associated Press Writer

Skiers put away parkas for sunscreen and warm-weather "flu" infected workplaces as a blast of hot air turned the weather calendar upside down last week, bringing a taste of Australia's February climate to the eastern United States.

Warm weather records fell in at least four dozen cities — from normally frigid New England out to the northern Plains and down into the Deep South — as a heat wave kicked into high gear.

The warmest places in the heat wave belt last Monday were Baltimore, with a high of 72 degrees, and Tupelo, Miss., with 73. The hottest place in America was Palm Springs, Calif., where it was 88 degrees.

In Sydney, Australia, where it's summertime, the high was 90.

The National Weather Service said the return to February's normally frigid temperatures would be gradual.

Meanwhile, the high of 68 at New York City's Kennedy International Airport was not only a record for the date, it was a record for the entire month of February, topping the high of 67 set on Feb. 27, 1976.

In the Canadian border town of International Falls, Minn., which

likes to call itself the "nation's icebox," it was as though someone had left the icebox door open. The temperature hit 42 and the ice melted.

"There's a lot of water," said Kate Baldwin, a waitress at Barney's Restaurant. "My yard's a mess. It's like the end of March."

But her boss, Chris Mostad, took advantage of the respite from northern Minnesota temperatures that can hit 40 below this time of year to fire up his barbecue and hold a mid-winter cookout.

"He thinks it's spring," Baldwin said.

He wasn't alone, as people from Boston to Chicago celebrated the unexpected heat wave.

"Everyone warned us about the awful, cold, windy winters in Chicago. Obviously they were wrong," said Arnie Feinberg, who was visiting the Windy City from West Caldwell, N.J.

"It makes coming to work on a Monday morning, which is generally lousy, a tad more pleasant," said Larry Testa, manager of an insurance firm in Boston, where Monday's high of 64 shattered a 77-year-old record by eight degrees.

But not everyone went to work Monday. Pat Smith of Mays Landing, N.J., simply stopped his truck and climbed onto the hood to catch a few rays.

"I could spend all day here, and in fact I might," he said, laughing.

At the Hidden Valley ski resort in Vernon, N.J., skiers put aside parkas, donned shorts and slapped on sunscreen lotion before taking to the slopes.

But while many rejoiced, farmers, ice-rink operators, ski resort managers and a few others fretted that continued warm weather would hurt business.

"Farmers would be much better off if it was cold," said Charles Miller, a dairy and livestock associate for the New Jersey Farm Bureau. "It affects chickens and their egg production, cows and their milk production; everything is affected by it."

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Airline auction done in a fog

by Dirk Beveridge
Associated Press Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A private auction of Eastern Airlines assets opened up a confused bidding war Monday for routes, gates and landing slots idled when the carrier quit flying last month.

On the block were assets Eastern had agreed to sell either before or shortly after it ran out of cash and halted service Jan. 18.

The auction, conducted by lawyers behind closed doors at a midtown Manhattan hotel, appeared to throw the assets up for grabs in combinations that conflicted with Eastern's earlier sales agreements.

The bidding stretched late into the night. An official with one of the airlines said the bids were not rising dramatically, but apparently none of the asset sales had been finalized. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, would not provide further details.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Burton R. Lifland ordered the auction last week to ensure Eastern's creditors got top dollar from the sales. Lifland has overseen Eastern operations since the troubled carrier filed for bankruptcy court protection in March 1989 after being hit with a

labor strike.

The bidders at the auction included United, American, Delta, USAir and Northwest, all of which had prior agreements with Eastern for the purchase of certain assets.

Other bids were being made by America West, Midwest Express, Air Canada, and Continental, according to a list released outside the auction. Continental Airlines also is operating under bankruptcy court protection.

It was not immediately clear how attorneys for Eastern and its creditors would evaluate the offers, since the bids involved a variety of asset combinations. Eastern lawyers said they would comment on the auction after it ended, but a spokeswoman for the airline was not sure how much information would be released.

The court planned a hearing Tuesday to let all participants comment on the fairness of the sale.

The Department of Justice planned to review the proposed sales through Thursday to determine whether they posed any potential antitrust problems.

The assets up for sale included three gates at Los Angeles International Airport, three gates at Chicago O'Hare and 21 landing slots at O'Hare.

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Tips for buying pools offered

WASHINGTON (AP) — A swimming pool can add pleasure and value to your home, but don't just dive in.

Be realistic about how you'll use the pool before making this major investment, advises the National Spa and Pool Institute. Do you want to have a place to entertain? For children to play? For an exercise regimen? The organization has advice on picking the right kind of pool:

►Lap swimming. Serious swimmers need a depth of at least 3½ to four feet so they don't touch bottom while swimming and can safely turn at each end. This type of pool will have parallel ends and be straight and long.

►Diving. Your pool must have adequate depth, width and length for safe diving. A pool professional can help you figure the proper dimensions based on NSPI standards. Strictly prohibit diving in your pool if it doesn't meet these standards.

►Exercising. One alternative to lap swimming if your space is limited is a jetted pool, eight to 12 feet long. Jets produce currents to let you swim in place. Calisthenics or water exercises usually require water three to five feet deep.

►How many? Besides your family members, who else will be using the pool? Consider parties, neighbors and other visitors in planning the uses, size and accessories for the pool.

►Size. Figure about 40 square feet of surface for each swimmer, and 100 square feet for the diver. NSPI says that a pool measuring at least 16 by 32 feet, with a deep end for diving, is needed for a full range of swimming. That pool will provide comfortable space for 11 or 12 swimmers.

►Energy use. The larger the pool, the greater the energy demands from operating equipment. By analyzing your use of a pool, you can build only as much pool as you need.

►Cost. The organization says that over half the 250,000 people who buy pools each year earn less than \$30,000, and the many types of pools—in-ground, above-ground, vinyl, gunite, shotcrete and fiberglass—will give you a choice that's affordable.

by Dirk Beveridger
Associate Press Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — From the silent slots in Vegas to the Hawaiian beaches where oil-drenched sunbathers find they have the sand to themselves, America's tourism industry is getting pinched by war and recession.

"The telephone lines are very quiet," said Nancy Daniels, a spokeswoman for the Kahala Hilton in Hawaii.

Reservations are down and cancellations up, she said. Her hotel is ordinarily more than 90 percent full in January, but is "somewhere in the high 70s" now, she said.

Travel agents, hotels, restaurants and others are not quite sure what is hitting them the hardest. It could be fears of terrorism and sadness over combat, or it could be a shortage of money faced by people thrown out of work. Maybe a combination.

Because the economy turned sour and the war with Iraq got under way in winter, it was hard to immediately judge the impact on regions that get the bulk of their visitors in warm-weather months.

Some ski areas say a shortage

of snow probably has done them more harm than fallout from the Persian Gulf War. Elsewhere, the roots of the problems aren't so apparent, although circumstantial evidence is accumulating fast.

"Hotel occupancies are down, advance bookings have fallen off and for the first time, group tours are canceling," said Gov. John Waihee of Hawaii, where tourism is the dominant industry and this should be the peak season.

"If present trends continue, we face even more severe consequences, including the possibility of employee layoffs," Waihee said.

Weekend gamblers are staying away from Las Vegas. In North Carolina, attendance is off at such attractions as the Wright Brothers National Monument on the Outer Banks. The Convention & Visitors Bureau in New York reports that Japanese tour groups are scrapping plans to visit the Big Apple.

There has even been a falloff of about 20 percent of the motorcoaches that bring senior citizens to Niagara Falls, on the border between Canada and New York.

"Seniors just don't want to get out of the country," said George Bailey, spokesman for the Nia-

gara Parks Commission in Niagara Falls, Ontario. "They just don't want to get away from home."

The Persian Gulf War has stirred fears of terrorism, but some people just might not be in the mood for recreation if they're worried about relatives or friends at war. Others may not have the money to travel because of recession.

The extent of the damage is also unclear, according to industry groups.

"It's kind of difficult for us to say what's the exact percentage or the exact amount that business has been down," said Courtney MacInnis, spokeswoman for the American Society of Travel Agents. "It's kind of hard to go out to the traveler and say, 'Why aren't you traveling? Is it fear or is it money?' It may be a combination."

Representatives of several segments of the travel industry have been discussing a public relations campaign for battling the problems, she said.

The most obvious casualty of the war fears has been overseas travel. Pan Am Inc. and TWA Inc. both scrapped flights into the Middle East and parts of Europe in the days before the bombing of

Iraq began, and both are in dire financial trouble.

Travel agents around the country have also reported cancellations to those European destinations that seem relatively safe.

Some people don't even want to fly domestically.

"I've had cancellations from people flying to Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, places like that," said Karen Stolz at Bentley Hedges Travel in Oklahoma City. "They're saying they're scared to fly because of terrorists."

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Tourism in Hong Kong flourishes with festival

by Jennifer Merin
Associated Press Newsfeatures

HONG KONG (AP) — The high energy of this city pulses in its neon signs, about half of which, it seems, lead to food.

Eating, whether in elegant bistros or crowded open-air stalls, is a favorite pastime.

In fact, Hong Kong has more than 20,000 restaurants. That means you can dine out three

times a day for more than 18 years and never enter the same place twice. Authorities estimate there is one restaurant for every 275 residents.

This gourmet heaven celebrates its culinary achievements in an annual Food Festival, this year March 9-24. The festival highlights award-winning dishes and encourages tourists to sample them by buying "Gourmet Dining in Hong Kong" cards for \$26 each, the price of a gourmet meal, plus tea and tips, at

participating restaurants.

Hong Kong's international flavor is emphasized by beautifully prepared Continental cooking. But the population is 90 percent Chinese, and an extraordinary variety of Chinese regional cuisines predominates.

During the festival, there are special day or evening dining cruises (\$35 and up, less for children), as well as exhibitions on tea, rice and healthful eating. There also are special tours that combine visits to traditional neighborhoods and local cultural programs with eating in outstanding restaurants around Hong Kong.

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Cancun they have swimming pools, restaurants and bars in the hotels themselves," he said. "You don't have to go somewhere else to eat or drink."

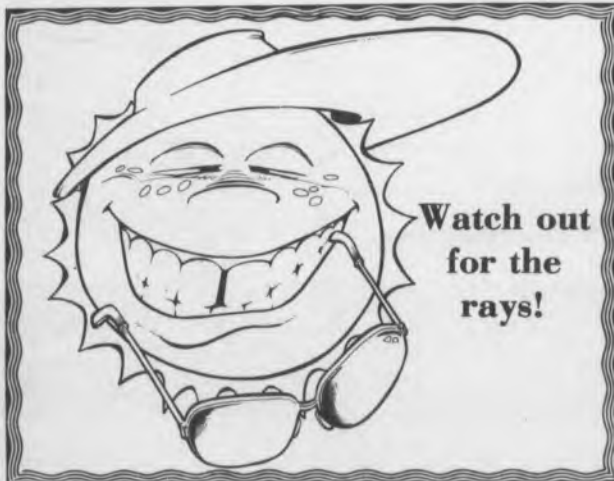
The rooms themselves also have all the luxuries of home, he said.

"The rooms have phones, television and full bathrooms," he said. "Some packages don't have phones or T.V.'s in the rooms and they are of a lower quality."

There are also side options included in the packages, he said.

"If you are in Cancun you can take arranged trips to the other sights of Mexico, such as the Yucatan — and if you go to Daytona, S.T.S. [Student Travel Services] offers special rates for trips to Disney World and Epcot Center."

"It will be a good time — and we can book whoever wants to go."



Riot

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area on the beach," he said. "They are for swimming and bathing."

"We want to have a family oriented beach," he added. "We want to get rid of the male and female prostitutes and junkies and have a clean beach."

Since last year, the department has installed a concrete pedestrian barrier between steets and sidewalks near the beach, giving pedestrians extra walking room and preventing drivers from veering onto the sidewalks, he said.



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